

Figure 3 shows alternative embodiments of the invention; and

Figure 4 shows a third embodiment of the invention--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 3 and claim 18 as follows:

3. (Amended) The strip according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the second connecting element is a connecting web that is inclined by an angle W_0 with respect to the longitudinal axis of the strip, the angle W_0 being preferably in a range of 10° to 80° , more preferably in a range of 30° to 70° , even more preferably in a range of 50° to 65° and most preferably 60° .

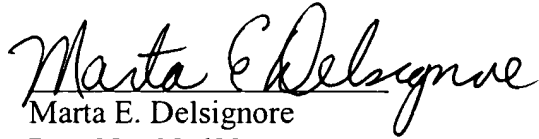
18. (Amended) The strip according to any of claims 1 to 17, wherein the strip has a thickness d that is preferably in the range of 0.1 to 2 mm, more preferably 0.2 to 1 mm and most preferably 0.5 to 0.6 mm.

REMARKS

By the foregoing amendments typographical errors in the specification and claims have been corrected. It is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered as it does not constitute new matter.

Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned “Version with markings to show changes made.”

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

The invention will be illustrated in the following in more detail by means of
Figures 1 to [3] 4 in which

Figure 1 shows a top view of a first embodiment of the invention;

Figure 2 shows a top view of a second embodiment of the invention;

Figure 3 shows alternative embodiments of the invention; and

Figure 4 shows a third embodiment of the invention.

IN THE CLAIMS

3. (Amended) The strip according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the second connecting element is a connecting web that is inclined by an angle [W1] W0 with respect to the longitudinal axis of the strip, the angle W0 being preferably in a range of 10° to 80°, more preferably in a range of 30° to 70°, even more preferably in a range of 50° to 65° and most preferably 60°.

18. (Amended) The strip according to any of claims 1 to 17, wherein the strip has a thickness d that is preferably in the range of 0.1 to 2 mm, more preferably 0.2 to 1 mm and most preferably [05.] 0.5 to 0.6 mm.